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REGULAR SESSION OF COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proceedings Enlivened by Heated Discussions Between Chairman McEvoy, Attorney Ross and Supervisor Casey

The County Board of Supervisors met in regular session last Monday at Redwood City and disposed of considerable business.

The proceedings were enlivened on two occasions by heated discussions, otherwise everything passed off smoothly.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by Clerk Nash, the regular monthly reports of county officers were read and ordered filed, as follows:

County Auditor Underhill—Statement of average allowance that can be made against the several funds for November:

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| General Fund | \$ 4000.00 |
| Indigent Fund | 300.00 |
| First Road District | 1400.00 |
| Second Road District | 1100.00 |
| Third Road District | 1150.00 |
| Fourth Road District | 300.00 |
| Fifth Road District | 180.00 |
| First Road, special | 1000.00 |
| Second Road, special | 800.00 |
| Third Road, special | 820.00 |
| Fourth Road, special | 260.00 |
| Fifth Road, special | 100.00 |
| Courthouse | 42,354.98 |

County Clerk Nash reported that he has collected moneys during November as follows: Fees, \$191; law library fund tax, \$33; deposits, \$120; total, \$344.

County Recorder Johnston—Collected during November, \$1003.40.

Sheriff Chatham—November fees due, \$6; mileage earned serving papers in thirty-six cases, \$143.60; whole number of prisoners boarded at county jail, 31; whole number of days, 340; amount due, \$170.

County Treasurer Chamberlain—Balance in county treasury October 31st, \$176,297.78; receipts during November \$36,461.06; total, \$212,758.84. Disbursements, \$37,179.87. Cash on hand November 30th, \$175,578.97.

Tax Collector McCracken—Collections during November—State and county taxes, \$252,835.80; Redwood City tax, \$15,053.05; Redwood City annex, \$9,422.15. Total, \$277,311.

License Collector McCracken—Two Class A liquor licenses, \$240; 35 special licenses, \$105; merchants' license, \$135; total, \$346.35; ten per cent commission off, \$34.63; balance, \$311.72.

Health Officer Beattie—Receipts from 515 burial permits issued during November, \$515; 1 removal permit, \$10; total, \$525.

John T. Collins was granted a Class A liquor license to conduct a saloon at Villa Mateo, Colma. Joe Millett and Wm. Lynch of Colma were also granted Class A licenses.

An application for a Class A liquor license from Perry & Shear of San Bruno was laid over until next meeting.

A petition signed by many residents

of the Fourth Township asking that the board make arrangements to immediately repair a road over San Pedro mountains in the First Township was presented.

Messrs. M. W. McIntosh, of San Francisco, C. M. Johnson and Frank Martini addressed the board and urged that something be done immediately to fix the road, as the Ocean Shore Railroad was practically closed, and over a hundred families were bottled up with no means of getting out except by a long drive by way of San Mateo. Thousands of dollars' worth of produce was being ruined, because the market in San Francisco could not be reached except at great expense.

Supervisor Casey asked that the board transfer \$1000 from the general fund to the First District road fund, so as to enable him to proceed to repair the road, as his district fund was crippled.

Chairman McEvoy replied to Casey by informing him that he thought there was sufficient funds in the first road district to do the work without taking any from the general fund.

Casey—I want \$1000 to fix the road. There is no need of going into details.

McEvoy—This is a dangerous precedent to start. It will lead up to a lot of trouble. You will have \$33,000 for the year.

Casey—Don't hash up that old matter.

Upon motion of Casey, seconded by Frances, a resolution was introduced providing that \$1000 be transferred from the general fund to the first road district fund, to be used to repair the San Pedro mountain road.

After considerable discussion by members of the board, the motion was withdrawn, with the understanding that the members and County Surveyor Neuman would view the road on the next day (Tuesday) and meet on Wednesday and take action.

On Wednesday the board transferred \$1000 from the general fund to be used to repair the road.

Upon motion of Francis, seconded by McEvoy, a new ordinance was adopted, providing that the Sheriff be allowed 25 cents for each meal furnished prisoners in the county jail, with two meals a day, and that a roster of prisoners be furnished the board on the first of each month, the ordinance to take effect ten days after its passage.

The matter of the United Gas and Electric Company giving the county a quit claim deed for some land granted to the county by that company for a road along the bay shore to the north of this city was referred to Supervisor Casey, who is to make a report at next meeting.

A petition signed by residents of

LOCAL HAPPENINGS TOLD IN BRIEF

Residents of South San Francisco are asked to furnish this office with any news items that they know of from time to time. There is a letter box attached to our front door, in which written items can be placed. Please write on one side of paper and sign your name to it. THE ENTERPRISE desires to print all the local happenings, and the people of South San Francisco can be of material help.

Phil Gaffney, formerly of this city, is now in Portland, Oregon.

Ben Fehnmann of Hillcrest was in this city on Wednesday.

Thos. Spellman of Colma was a visitor to this city yesterday.

Many strangers were noticed on the streets of this city during the past week.

Violets grown in this city are being shipped to San Francisco now in great quantities.

Joe Maffei is now collecting city garbage instead of A. T. Smith, who is in poor health, and not able to attend to it.

Workmen were busily engaged yesterday in digging gutters on both sides of Grand Avenue, from Maple Avenue east.

F. A. Martin this week has been moving his household effects to San Francisco, where he and his family formerly resided. He will continue the moving picture show here for the present.

Thomas Spellman, J. E. Rodgers, Henry and Fred Bauer, of Colma were visitors here Tuesday last, coming down to attend the Eagles meeting.

C. F. Hamsher of this city has received word that his father is sick at Mound City, Missouri, suffering with typhoid fever.

Stocktaking is in full swing at W. P. Fullers plant. It is said 1909 will prove the most successful year for business it has had since locating its factory here.

The Tungsten electric lamps which are to be installed in the city are expected to arrive from the East about the 20th of this month. Superintendent Frank Edwards, of the local power and light company, says that expects to have the eighty lamps installed before January 1st.

A double birthday party will be given at the Linden Hotel this evening at 7 o'clock, in honor of two popular young ladies of this city—Misses A. G. Vandenbos and Mary Mottli, who will celebrate their fifteenth and eighteenth birthdays, respectively. Friends of both are respectfully invited to attend.

It is understood that E. W. Langenbach, who is now in business in San Mateo, will return to this city the first of the year and open up a men's furnishing goods store. It is also reported that J. J. Dowd, the shoe man, in business here for a number of years until a few weeks ago when he moved his business to San Francisco, will return to this city with his family.

Died.—In this city, December 7th, Emma Mary, daughter of Joseph and Maria Gibson, and sister of George, Doris, Albert and Lennie Gibson, a native of San Jose, aged 18 years and 3 months. The many friends of the family in this city sympathize with it in its present bereavement. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. The deceased was confined to her bed for several weeks prior to death, but through all her suffering she never complained, but was ever thoughtful of others. At the end all pain ceased and she passed away peacefully, conscious to the last. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson desire to extend their heartfelt thanks to the many friends of the family who so kindly extended their practical sympathy during the sickness and at the death of their daughter.

GRAND JURY ORDERS COUNTY MONEY COUNTED

Resolutions Passed to That Effect at Thursday's Session—Treasurer Chamberlain Given Opportunity to Withdraw Funds From Bank

The investigations by this county's Grand Jury during the past week has created considerable interest.

Sensational reports have been published in the San Francisco papers, which would lead the people to believe that official conditions in this county are not what they should be.

Evidently some jurors have been doing some talking to city reporters, contrary to their sworn duty.

To the credit of the jurors from this city—Thos. L. Hickey, J. L. Debenedetti, J. Jorgensen and M. Foley—who have been interviewed by a representative of THE ENTERPRISE, they have refused to divulge any of the proceedings of the Grand Jury.

It was announced in the city papers that the Jury passed a resolution on Wednesday requiring County Treasurer Chamberlain to produce the county's funds at a given time, so that they can be counted by the Jury.

It is also reported that Treasurer Chamberlain and Foreman Kertell had a heated discussion during the session Wednesday.

It is also said that members of the Jury have expressed the belief that Treasurer Chamberlain has not been intentionally violating the law.

Chamberlain says that his bond has been passed upon and accepted by the Superior Court of this county and that he understood it to be thoroughly good and safe. He also says that one of the grand jurors is one of the fifty-three signers of the bond.

There is about half a million dollars to count, about \$200,000 being on special deposit in county banks, the balance being in Chamberlain's custody and in Tax Collector McCracken's charge.

Owing to the illness of Expert E. J. White, the examination of the county's money will probably take place next week.

The resolution adopted by the Grand Jury of San Mateo county Wednesday directing Treasurer Chamberlain to get all the county funds into his possession within forty-eight hours has resulted in a legal complication that may have to be passed up to the Attorney-General.

Treasurer Chamberlain's counsel, George C. Ross, says his interpretation of the law is that the Grand Jury has no right to count the money, but that the right will be accorded, notwithstanding, as it is not the intention of the treasurer or his counsel to act contrary to the wishes of the Grand Jury.

Ross points out that there is no place in this county to store the hundreds of thousands of dollars to be brought in from various banks and on this ground refuses to advise the treasurer to have the money brought to Redwood City at once.

L. P. Behrens, cashier and manager of the First National Bank, makes the direct statement that he will not trust half a million dollars to his vaults for fear of safe crackers.

He will produce the \$130,000 his bank has on deposit, under armed guard of twenty men, he says, but as soon as he turns it over to the treasurer he will have no more to do with its custody.

Treasurer Chamberlain will go before the Grand Jury soon to ask the body to provide safe vaults for the storing of the county funds.

District Attorney Bullock told the

Grand Jury Thursday it had no right to count the money and pointed out that the law provided that the auditor, the chairman of the supervisors and the district attorney were the ones qualified to act.

Superior Judge Buck was called in to advise the jury after the district attorney's statement. He is reported to have said the inquisitorial body was acting in accordance with the law and within its rights.

In addition Judge Buck is quoted as having interpreted the county and municipal deposit act as it was interpreted by Attorney-General Webb and as having advised the jury to do its duty.

Judge Buck remarked that the resolution might have been worded differently, and it is not impossible a new resolution will be drawn.

And thus the resolution of the Grand Jury has resulted in a legal discussion necessary of determination before the funds are produced.

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California should be proud of Jack London, one of its native sons, who has brought fame to his state. Unlike many other writers, Jack London is loyal to his native state, and instead of going to New York or London when he has become famous, he prefers California as a home to any other part of the world,—and few people have seen more of the world than Jack London. He has recently returned from a two years cruise in the "Snark," during which time he visited many almost unvisited islands in the South Seas. He has written a wonderfully vivid and interesting account of this cruise, which will appear during the coming year in The Pacific Monthly, published at Portland, Oregon. His first story appears in the December, 1909, issue. Each story is distinct in itself, yet each one treats of some incident of his cruise.

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7:43 A. M.
(Except Sunday)
8:03 A. M.
(Except Sunday)
8:43 A. M.
(Except Sunday)
9:23 A. M.
10:08 A. M.
12:52 P. M.
3:01 P. M.
(Except Sunday)
5:23 P. M.
7:03 P. M.
7:13 P. M.

SOUTHBOUND TRAINS LEAVE

6:57 A. M.
8:37 A. M.
10:57 A. M.
11:57 A. M.
2:23 P. M.
3:37 P. M.
4:37 P. M.
5:57 P. M.
6:47 P. M.
12:02 P. M.
(Theatre Train)

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7:19 p. m.
(Except Sunday)

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12:13 P. M.
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7:13 P. M.

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3:17 P. M.

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Tax Collector.....C. L. McCracken
District Attorney.....J. J. Bullock
Assessor.....C. D. Hayward
County Clerk.....Joseph H. Nash
County Recorder.....John F. Johnston
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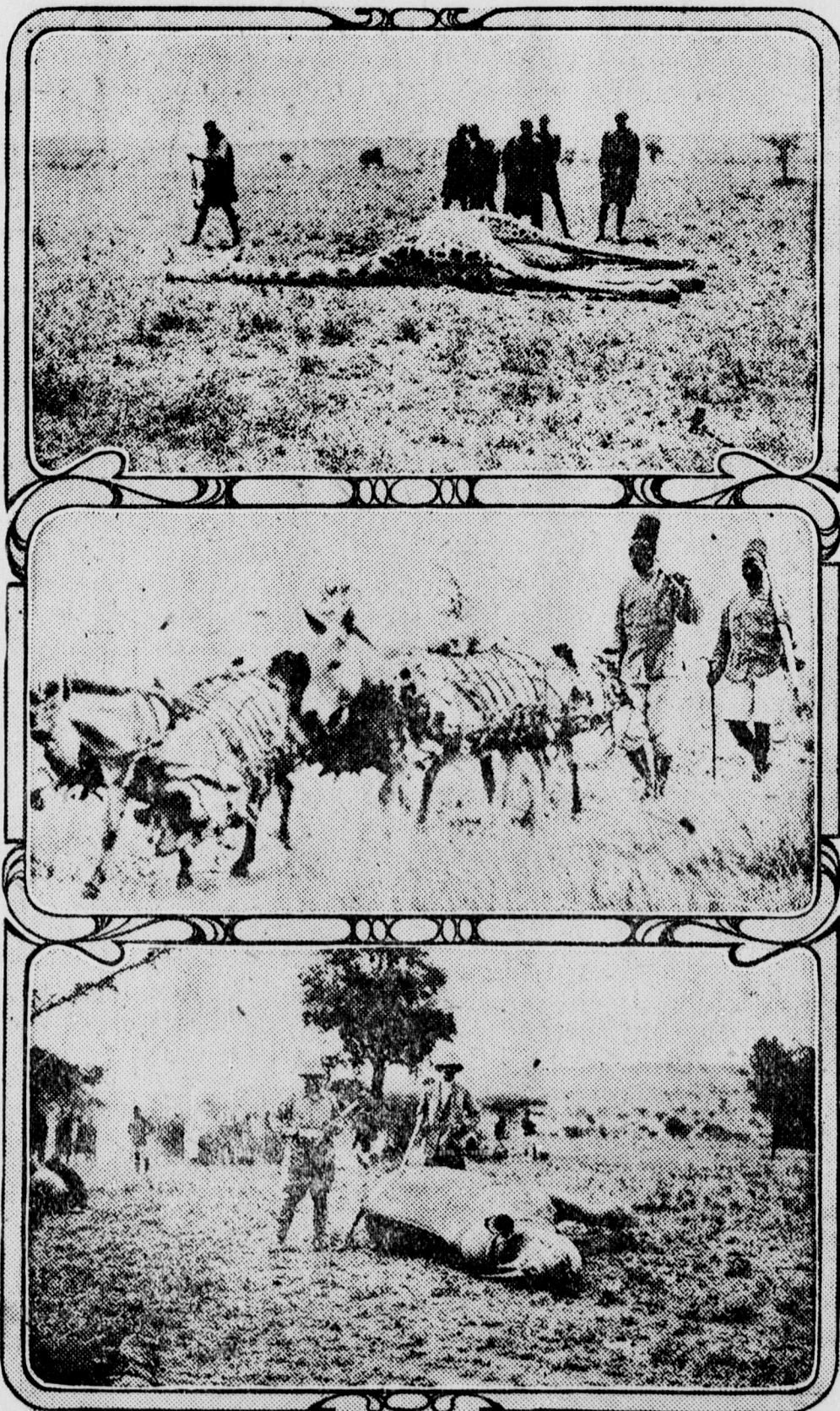
IN the December Scribner's ex-President Theodore Roosevelt in his article on "African Game Trails" tells how it feels to have a big rhinoceros charging on one with nothing between one and certain death but a rifle. Describing how he killed the rhinoceros with two shots, he says: "The huge beast was standing in entirely open country, although there were a few scattered trees of no great size at some little distance from him. We left our horses in a dip of the ground and began the approach. I cannot say that we stalked him, for the approach was too easy. The wind blew from him to us, and a rhino's sight is dull. Thirty yards from where he stood was a bush four or five feet high, and, though it was so thin that we could distinctly see him through the leaves, it shielded us from the vision of his small, piglike eyes as we advanced toward it, stooping and in single file. I leading. The big beast stood like an uncouth statue, his hide black in the sunlight. He seemed what he was—a monster surviving over from the world's past, from the days when the beasts of the prime ran riot in their strength, before man grew

Graphic Pen Picture of the Giraffe
as a Striking Feature of
the Great African
Landscape.

meet, the great bull rhino, still near toward us, dropped just thirteen paces from where we stood."

Hard Animal to Approach.

In the same article Mr. Roosevelt gives the following interesting picture of the ungainly giraffe as seen in the African wilds: "Of all the beasts in an African landscape none is more striking than the giraffe. Usually it is found in small parties or in herds of fifteen or twenty or more individuals. Although it will drink regularly if occasion offers, it is able to get along without water for months at a time and frequents by choice the dry plains or else the stretches of open forest where the trees are scattered and ordinarily somewhat stunted. Like the rhinoceros—the ordinary or prehensile lipped rhinoceros—the giraffe is a browsing and not a grazing animal. The leaves, buds and twigs of the mimosas or thorn trees form its customary food. Its extraordinary height enables it to bring into play to the best possible advantage its noteworthy powers of vision, and no animal is harder to approach unseen. Again and again I have made it out a mile off, or, rather, have seen it a



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YOUNG BULL GIRAFFE AND BIG RHINOCEROS SHOT BY MR. ROOSEVELT—GROUP OF SKIN LADEN MULES ON THEIR WAY TO THE RAILROAD.

so cunning of brain and hand as to master them. So little did he dream of our presence that when we were a hundred yards off he actually lay down.

Charged Though Badly Wounded.

"Walking lightly and with every sense keyed up, we at last reached the bush, and I pushed forward the safety of the double barreled Holland rifle which I was now to use for the first time on big game. As I stepped to one side of the bush so as to get a clear aim, with Slatter following, the rhino saw me and jumped to his feet with the agility of a polo pony. As he rose I put in the right barrel, the bullet going through both lungs. At the same moment he wheeled, the blood spouting from his nostrils, and galloped full on us. Before he could get quite all the way round in his headlong rush to reach us I struck him with my left hand barrel, the bullet entering between the neck and shoulder and piercing his heart. At the same instant Captain Slatter fired, his bullet entering the neck vertebrae. Plowing up the ground with horn and

mile off when it was pointed out to me, and, looking at it through my glasses, would see that it was gazing steadily at us.

Looks Awkward Even at Rest.

"It is a striking looking animal and handsome in its way, but its length of leg and neck and sloping back make it appear awkward even at rest. When alarmed it may go off at a long swinging pace or walk, but if really frightened it strikes into a peculiar gallop or canter. The tail is cocked and twisted, and the huge hind legs are thrown forward well to the outside of the fore legs. The movements seem deliberate, and the giraffe does not appear to be going at a fast pace, but if it has any start a horse must gallop hard to overtake it. When it starts on this gait the neck may be dropped forward at a sharp angle with the straight line of the deep chest, and the big head is thrust in advance. Giraffes are defenseless things, and, though they may kick at a man who incautiously comes within reach, they are in no way dangerous."

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TO LESSEN MINE DANGERS.

Safety Devices Suggested by John Mitchell, Former Coal Miner.

"Coal mining is the most hazardous industry in America."

John Mitchell, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, who for nearly ten years was president of the United Mine Workers and who himself was a digger of coal from the time he was thirteen years old until he attained the age of twenty-five years, made this statement in commenting on the disaster at the mine of the St. Paul Coal company at Cherry, Ill., on Nov. 12, in which nearly 300 men lost their lives.

Mr. Mitchell suggests several safety devices. One is the installation of telephone systems in mines. Another is the laying of pipes throughout the galleries and workings through which air or liquid food could be pumped in case of accident. A third suggestion is that mines be fitted with air tight compartments communicating with the surface which would serve as havens of refuge in case of disaster.

The Cherry mine disaster had its origin in a pile of hay used to feed mules stationed in the mine. A careless miner threw a torch upon it, and the timbers of the mine later caught fire.

"Of course these calamities always suggest means by which lives thus lost might have been saved," said Mr. Mitchell. "If coal mines were equipped with telephones throughout their workings it would be possible for men entombed to let those on the outside know the location of the place in which they were gathered, or at least to let them know what was their condition. And thus the work of rescue would be greatly aided."

"If mines were equipped in all their galleries with pipes through which compressed air could be forced the needed oxygen could be supplied. And in like manner it would also be possible to supply food, at least food in liquid form, to sustain life for a few days. No mines are equipped with such devices as these, and my suggestion is not directed to the Cherry mine alone."

"A very simple device which would be of advantage in all mines in the event of fire, explosion or any other accident which would cut off egress to the main shaft would be the building of a number of compartments, each large enough for a hundred or more men to gather in, so arranged that the doors could be closed, making them air tight. If these compartments were connected with air pipes to the surface they would be havens of safety for great numbers of men killed in mines, not by explosions themselves, but by the aftermath that always accumulates after explosions. This is done in European mines and has been the means of saving large numbers of men entombed through fire or explosion."

NATIONAL CORN SHOW.

Features of Exposition of Grains to Be Held at Omaha, Neb.

From Dec. 6 to 18 the National Corn exposition will draw to Omaha, Neb., thousands of persons interested in good husbandry. Last year fourteen agricultural colleges sent exhibits and delegations to the show and about thirty states were represented. Nearly 50,000 ears of corn and approximately 1,000 samples of the smaller grains were displayed; also a large number of farm implements.

This year the department of agriculture will exhibit samples of the leading cereals, embracing all those imported during the last few years. The origin of each variety will be noted as well as its value and the region to which it is best adapted. Specimens illustrating the effect on grains of smut, rusts and other injurious fungous diseases complete the exhibit.

While exhibits from many states will give an idea of the corn grown in different sections under favorable conditions, the department of agriculture will have samples showing corn grown under average conditions in every state in the Union. This collection shows what the plant was before it was cultivated and the successive stages of its development.

Our Largest Wooden Vessel.

The largest wooden vessel ever built in the United States and the largest sailing vessel of American registry will be launched from a Bath (Me.) shipyard on Dec. 14. This new leader of her class is the six masted schooner Wyoming, and her official measurements give her a gross tonnage of 3,730, thus placing her ahead of the schooner William L. Douglas, the present title holder, with a gross tonnage of 3,708. The Wyoming is 350 feet long over all, 329.5 feet keel and 30.4 feet deep.

The Chimney Climber.

Quoth Santa Claus, "I'm getting fat, and, though I'm not a churl, I think the person for this job would be the hipless girl."

—Harper's Bazar.

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The completion of the Bay Shore Tunnels has placed South San Francisco on the main lines of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and forty passenger trains per day connect it with the outside world.

With the completion of the Dumbarton Bridge and Cutoff, now rapidly being constructed, South San Francisco will have all railroads which center in San Francisco passing through its midst.

Many industries are already established here, chief of which are the Western Meat Company, the Wool Pullery, the Soap Works, the Baden Brick Company, Pacific Jupiter Steel Company, the Steiger Pottery Works, the W. P. Fuller White Lead Works, the South San Francisco Lumber and Supply Company, and other enterprises, all of which are in full operation to-day. The American Smelting and Refining Company has purchased over 300 acres of land in South San Francisco for the purpose of erecting a great plant, which they estimate will cost upwards of \$5,000,000. The Doak Sheet Steel Company has purchased a large tract of land and has already commenced the construction of a large rolling mill. Other factories have recently made purchases, and South San Francisco is plainly destined to fulfill all that its promoters had hoped.

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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

ENTERPRISE subscribers are requested to notify this office immediately if they do not receive their papers promptly each week.

Russia does not permit dealers to put up "closingout sale" signs unless they are bona fide affairs. A merchant who attempts to deceive his customers by a resort to fraudulent announcements is sent to jail. If such a rule prevailed in this country, we would have to enlarge our prison accommodations.—Chronicle.

The announcement is made that the Pacific Jupiter Steel Company, whose factory is located in this city, will shortly improve its plant so that its output will be tripled.

This is good news. It probably means that more men will be employed, which will be of much advantage to this city, and also that business in the iron and steel industries is improving.

The first annual message of President Taft to the American people has been delivered.

It is a conservative paper written by a conservative American highly endowed with the judicial temperament.

The message is in some measure a disappointment to many earnest radicals who desire reform in government, but in the matters of vital interest the message satisfies even the advance reformers.

Every President, like every other man, must be judged finally by his work, not by his words. The people have faith that Taft's work will when finished be a complete fulfillment of all his public pledges and promises.

The daily newspapers of San Francisco have for some time past been giving San Mateo county unsolicited space and undesired prominence. The city papers having about reached the end of muck raking at home, have apparently seized upon this county as a substitute.

It is to be regretted, that in this campaign of calumny, the city reporters have been aided in a measure by a few intemperate sensation-mongers in this county. The sweeping assertion was recently made editorially by one of the city's morning newspapers that "civic rottenness" prevails throughout the county, extending even to the judiciary.

Every sane person in this county knows that such assertion is the wildest kind of exaggeration, as time will show even to the men who write and print such stuff. It is certain that in the end the truth will prevail, but in the interim much harm is being done the

people and county of San Mateo.

The San Mateo County Grand Jury is in session, engaged in making an official investigation of matters pertaining to official affairs in this county. But two subjects of general interest appear thus far as having been presented for consideration; one matter being the longdelay in completing the county courthouse, the other being the methods in use for the safe keeping of the county funds.

The people have become impatient and greatly dissatisfied with the delay in finishing the courthouse, but there is no evidence whatever, so far as the public knows, to indicate that there has been grafting or corruption in connection with courthouse construction.

With regard to the safe keeping of the county funds, all the public knows is the published statements to the effect that these funds have been deposited in three banks in this county, and that no interest has been paid by these banks, or any of them, for the use of these funds and that the law requires the payment of 2 per cent per annum on county funds deposited in banks.

According to published statements, Treasurer Chamberlain says: In this matter he has been advised by the district attorney of this county, as well as by his own personal attorney, and that he has followed the legal advice thus given him.

This is all there is of this latter question, save that it is under investigation by the Grand Jury, which body will doubtless look carefully into every question of both law and fact, and after having finished such inquiry, make such recommendation or take such action as to that august body may seem right and proper. Even those who write and print all the sensational stuff about general rottenness and corruption, say that no one regards Treasurer Chamberlain as dishonest or corrupt. Yet in the same paragraph these reporters will picture the county as absolutely rotten and hopelessly corrupt. If there have been any irregularities, or any thing more serious, the people of San Mateo county have faith that the Grand Jury will find the truth and report it.

After all, the general election is not far off, and all matters touching public business and affairs in this county will be passed upon by a jury of the entire electorate, whose verdict will be final for another four years. Meantime the city newspapers will do well to turn their searchlights once more nearer home.

PACIFIC JUPITER STEEL COMPANY TO ENLARGE OUTPUT

The Pacific Jupiter Steel Company, whose works are located in this city, has made the following announcement:

"We are pleased to announce for the coming year that our plant located at South San Francisco will be placed on an efficient basis. Extensive improvements are being planned that will permit us to triple our output and also insure more satisfactory deliveries to our patrons.

"To those who have assisted us in the past we express our thanks; and from all earnestly solicit support through their valued orders.

"We hope with you that the New Year may bring continued prosperity.

"PACIFIC JUPITER STEEL CO."

PROTEST MEETING TURNED INTO ONE OF FARCE

A mass meeting was held in Athletic Club Hall, in San Mateo, last Thursday evening, under the auspices of the South San Francisco League of Justice.

Adolph Jacobs, President of the League, was the speaker of the evening. He was introduced by Frank Miner, the other member of the League.

About fifty or sixty residents of San Mateo were present.

Mr. Jacobs spoke about an hour, and confined his remarks principally to assailing the county officials and the South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company and its local management.

He called attention to the light attendance, claiming that circulars that had been prepared advertising the meeting had not been distributed. He said the matter would be investigated by the League.

He said the work of the League would be kept up until grafters and abettors of graft were thrown into oblivion; the reason that banks did not pay 2 per cent for county money was that they need it in political times to help keep the push in office; the people should extend a vote of confidence to the present Grand Jury.

Jacobs closed by inviting those present to join the League movement. No one responded. He then invited any one present to take the platform and express his views.

B. Fehnmann, editor of the North End Home Builders' Review, accepted the invitation and immediately aroused the enthusiasm of those present on the subject of booming the north end of San Mateo County as a suitable location for the world's exposition in honor of the opening of the Panama Canal. He understood that the meeting was held to aid in a movement to boost San Mateo County, and suggested that a large committee be appointed to prepare a telegram to be sent to Congressman Hayes asking him to use every means in his power to induce Congress to appropriate \$5,000,000 for the exposition, and later to prepare a petition asking the Legislature of California to appropriate a similar amount. He said surveys had been made along the shores of Lake Merced at the north end for sites for exposition buildings; in fact, that was the only suitable location in or around San Francisco for the fair.

Fehnmann made a motion, which was seconded by some one in the audience, that it was the sense of the meeting that a telegram be sent to Congressman Kahn and Congressman Hayes asking that they use their influence in having Congress make a \$5,000,000 appropriation for the exposition.

Jacobs arose and made the point of order that such a proceeding at a meeting of this character was irregular. While he was a booster, he thought such a motion should be entertained at a booster meeting. He agreed finally that such a telegram should be sent, providing that the exposition be located in San Francisco and not in this county. A rising vote was called for and he announced that it was carried unanimously.

While these proceedings were going on the audience was convulsed with laughter, the meeting turning practically from one of protest into one of farce.

The following telegram was prepared yesterday to be sent to Washington D. C.:

South San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1909.
To Hon. Julius Kahn and Hon. E. A. Hayes, Washington, D. C.

Sirs: At a public meeting held at San Mateo December 9th, a resolution was unanimously passed, indorsing action of California delegation to secure appropriation for exposition celebrating completion of Panama Canal, to be held in San Francisco.

ADOLPH JACOBS,
Chairman.

If you want all the local news of the week, you will find it in the columns of THE ENTERPRISE.

SAN BRUNO ITEMS

[CORRESPONDENCE]

The residents of San Bruno are asked to kindly furnish such news items as will be of interest, sending the same to our correspondent, Geo. V. C. Bacon, San Bruno, who will see that they are given due publicity. It is the desire to this paper to make the columns devoted to the San Bruno section of the county a complete summary of all that has transpired since the previous issue, and to do this it will be necessary to ask the co-operation of the residents. Any items of local or general interest will be thankfully received. Kindly hand them to Mr. Bacon any time before Thursday night in order to ensure their publication in the following Saturday's issue. Sample copies of this paper may be obtained, gratis, from Mr. Bacon.

Fred E. Russell, Huntington Park, lost a valuable horse on Wednesday night through intestinal impaction.

Dr. E. A. Bohm, who has just taken out basic patents on his new engine, has incorporated a company and is selling stock. Several San Bruno residents are among the subscribers.

J. W. McInness, who has been in San Jose for some months, made a flying visit to San Francisco this week. He will soon return to San Bruno, but his family will spend the winter in the city.

A well defined movement is on foot to petition the United Railroads Company to make a station at the foot of Sylvan Avenue, in the First Addition, this being much more convenient for a large majority of the users of the trolley cars than either of the present stops.

Several carloads of crushed rock and gravel have been dumped on the road near San Bruno crossing where the mire was deepest, which will help somewhat, but the entire stretch from the crossing clear to San Felipe Avenue is in very bad shape and for the credit of this section, and to be passable, should have immediate attention.

Building operations go on apace, in spite of the bad weather. Foundations are being put in for seven new buildings, with others under contemplation. Considerable repair work is being done, many roofs which have hitherto been impervious having succumbed to the driving rain and wind of the last week or so.

Last Monday morning the postoffice at San Bruno sent out the largest mail in the history of the office. One fact of general interest is that while the money orders which are cashed at this postoffice frequently aggregate from \$5 to \$7.50 per month, those orders which are issued on other offices very often run up to from \$1200 to \$1500 per month. Where does all the money go to?

The report handed in to the W. O. W. here by the committee, who had charge of the recent entertainment, shows the receipts to be most gratifyingly large and amply compensates those who took part for their time and trouble. The action of the majority of the residents of San Bruno in attending, en masse, and subscribing for tickets demonstrates the popularity of the order in the town.

The Harmonie Club held its regular monthly initiation in its new club house on last Monday evening, at which nearly every member was present. Among those who were admitted to membership was Dr. F. Holmes Smith who was somewhat taken aback at the complicated and impressive rites and ceremonies that are used and there are those who aver that he was heard to say "that he was glad it was over." Membership in this club is becoming very highly to be desired, and several applications are now before the board for action. After the initiation an appetizing repast was served.

Another very serious and painful accident took place at the San Bruno depot on the Southern Pacific railroad on Monday afternoon when Samuel Shear, the local real estate man, was struck by the southbound train and thrown for some distance. Willing hands bore him quickly to the office of

Dr. F. Holmes Smith where, a little later, Dr. Plymire of South San Francisco was called in consultation. While his age is somewhat against him and his injuries are severe, Dr. Smith is sanguine of his recovery.

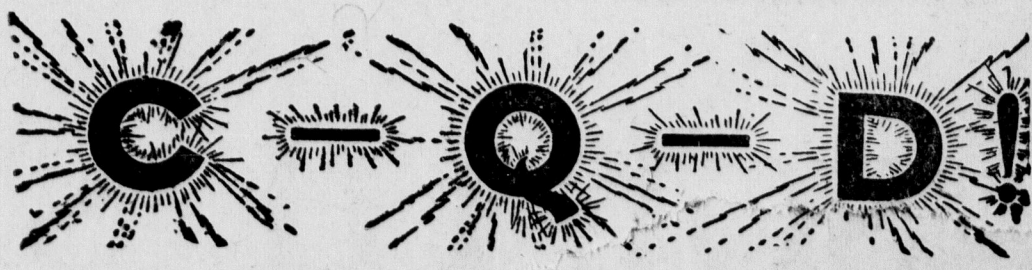
San Bruno Homestead No. 910, Brotherhood of American Yeomen, held its annual election on last Tuesday evening at the Town Hall. Despite the rainy and inclement weather, there were nearly fifty members present and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Foreman, Fred E. Russell; Master of Ceremonies, William N. Holliday; Master of Accounts, H. J. Grady; Chaplain, Peter Bolliger and Correspondent, Alice Laumeister. Prior to the election there was another class initiation, when seven more applicants were admitted to membership in this progressive order, which now has a roll of ninety-one members in good standing.

The widely heralded opening of the new Green's hall by the masquerade ball given by the Hobeau Club took place last Saturday evening and would have proven, in all probability, the most largely attended dance ever held here, but the weather was against them, for it blew, rained and hailed so furiously that only a comparatively few ventured out. Those who did, however, were well paid for they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The many prizes were all won by belles and beaux and the club feels warranted in planning for another celebration.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Church in San Bruno are to hold a Christmas bazaar on or about December 22d for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of the new church. At this bazaar they will have many useful and fancy articles on sale at reasonable prices. One of the specialties which will be offered is pure and home-made candy. In these days when so much cheap and adulterated confectionery is sold, the opportunity to obtain strictly pure candy, especially for the children, should be embraced. Buy your Christmas candy at this bazaar and help the cause as well.

Last Sunday afternoon a meeting was held by Chairman W. R. Emerich, Secretary Wm. Mueller and D. J. Lynch of the San Bruno United Improvement Committee at the home of Supervisor Jas. T. Casey, at which time there was present Superintendent Edwards of the South San Francisco Light and Power Company and Mr. Sprout, a lighting expert retained by Supervisor Casey in an advising capacity. Mr. Edwards stated that his company was prepared to submit a bid of \$1.45 per light per month on a five-year contract before the supervisors for 132 40-watt Tungsten lights on a series system, the lighting district to renew the globes. As the committee had originally estimated 160 lights on a \$1.25 per light per month basis, the higher rate will necessitate the cutting out of four lights in each division where they are least needed. The committee held a lengthy argument with the representative of the lighting company over the price, but no reduction in this price was made and as there was no other bidder and as the lights were sorely needed, the committee deemed it expedient to advise the acceptance of the bid.

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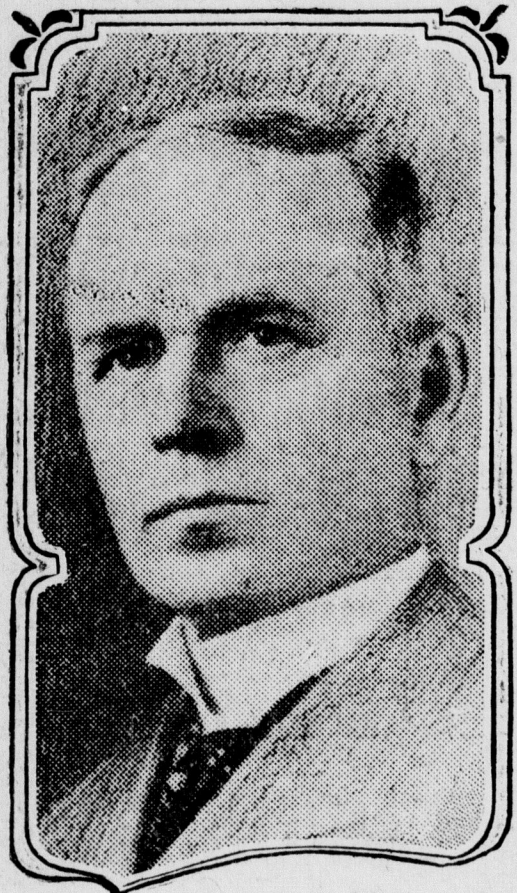
FOOD SUPPLY OF THE FUTURE

W. C. Brown Urges Improving
Agricultural Conditions.

MUST PRODUCE LARGER CROPS

Establishment of More Experimental Farms, Instruction on Farming in Rural Schools and Federal Government Co-operation Advocated by President of New York Central Lines.

W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central lines, in opening his address on the nation's farms and national prosperity at the recent annual dinner in New York city of the Railway Business association, stated that there was a time when the fundamental right of the nation and states to regulate and control the railroads was seriously discussed and questioned. Happily for all, he said—the rail-



W. C. BROWN.

roads as well as the public—this question is no longer open for debate. Continuing, he said in part:

The question of the limitation of the right of regulation, the extent to which it should be exercised, is still open for discussion—not in a harsh or hostile spirit, not for the purpose of fixing by law an arbitrary point beyond which such regulation shall not go, but in a spirit of friendly co-operation to try to ascertain in the interest alike of the public and the railroads that happy mean which shall result in the maximum benefit to the patrons of the railroads and the minimum embarrassment in the way of restrictive regulation to the railroads of the nation.

From the dawn of civilization the drift of population has been from the east to the west, and through all the centuries, absorbing and assimilating the millions of the overflow of older civilizations, the west has continually called for more. From early in the seventeenth century the nations of the old world have found on this continent an imperatively necessary vent, a safety valve. The broad prairies of the United States have beckoned to the discontented, the dispossessed and unfortunate of every race and clime, and there they have found a foundation upon which to build new hopes and aspirations. Great states and territories, with their wealth of primeval forest and virgin soil, lay waiting to be peopled. Today all this is changed. The day of "free land for free men" is past. No longer can the homestead be had for the asking. The last county of the last state or territory where cultivation is possible has been settled.

Need of Greater Food Production.

For half a century we have proudly plumed ourselves as the granary of the world, and our annual exports of foodstuffs have formed the basis for a large balance of trade in our favor. Our exports of this character show a steady and alarmingly rapid decline. In the past increase in population, increase in consumption, have been met by multiplied acres. This is no longer possible or at least only to a very limited and constantly diminishing extent. Increased consumption in the future must be provided for not by an increase in acres, but by an increase in the yield per acre. Each year immigration and natural increase add approximately 2,000,000 hungry mouths to be fed, and it calls for an increase of approximately 75,000,000 bushels of food producing cereal per annum to supply this demand.

If the converging lines of production and consumption in the United States continue to approach each other as they have during the past ten years, long before the end of the present decade the last vessel loaded with the agricultural product of this country will have left our shores, the great exporting grain elevators in our seaboard cities will stand empty, and this great nation, like those of the old world, will be looking for a place to buy the necessities of life. Can the importance of this condition be exaggerated? Is it not time that every patriotic citizen was aroused to ascertain the cause and find and apply the remedy? Can there be a duty of higher or broader patriotism or more comprehensive philanthropy? What is the cause, and can a remedy be found?

The land, our kindly, patient Mother Earth, upon which not only prosperity, but life itself, depends, is year after year

being robbed and impoverished. Our average annual yield of wheat for ten years was less than fourteen bushels per acre. This is less than it was thirty years ago. Instead of improving we are going backward.

Builder Up of the Nation.

The farmer has always been the state builder, the pioneer. He it is who has built up and made the nation what it is, and the general government can discharge the obligation it owes the great agricultural interests in no better way than in spending money freely in bettering agricultural conditions.

France, with her abounding prosperity, her marvelous wealth of agricultural resources, which have made her the creditor nation of the world, maintains 45,000 rural schools with agricultural departments in the shape of gardens and small fields where systematic scientific cultivation and conservation of the soil is taught.

Since 1873 Belgium has required every school in the kingdom to maintain a field not less than thirty-nine and a half square rods for the purpose of instructing the pupils in this most important work. Here is where this work of education should begin, and instruction of this character undertaken by our rural schools, where the farmer boys and girls attend, would be speedily and powerfully reflected in improved methods on the farms.

The increased value of corn, wheat, oats and barley in the United States, provided the average yield per acre of the same crops in Germany had been raised, and assuming a production of fifty bushels of corn to the acre, would have amounted to the stupendous total during the year 1907 of \$2,250,000,000, while the increased value of the same cereals of the crop of 1909, computed on the same basis, would have been \$3,250,000,000.

None Superior in Soil or Climate.

There is no soil or climate that is naturally superior to that of the United States, and no nation on earth can produce a larger crop per acre than this country if our soil is intelligently tilled.

In April of this year the New York Central railroad tendered to the New York State College of Agriculture the use of a special train, consisting of a combination car, four coaches and a dining car, for a trip through that portion of the state traversed by our lines. Twenty-one professors and advanced students of the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell university and the agricultural school at St. Lawrence university made up the party. Thirty-one towns were visited, and lectures were given to audiences ranging from 200 to 600 earnest, interested farmers.

The object of the trip was to awaken interest, to prepare the ground for the seed to be sown later. These trips will be repeated and extended, and we hope it is but the beginning of a broad and comprehensive scheme of education. Lectures of this kind are beneficial, but the things that will accomplish results are object lessons—opportunities for the farmer to see the thing done instead of being told how it can be done.

The first requisite is a thorough awakening of our people to a realization of the startling significance, the overshadowing importance of this condition, then a systematic, thorough, sleepless, persevering campaign of education. The general government should give it first place among the questions pressing for consideration.

The railroads should co-operate with the state agricultural colleges and with all institutions having departments of agriculture in arranging for meetings of farmers in villages and country school houses for the purpose of preaching this great gospel of better methods, which means more profitable farming. I am going to recommend to the owners of the roads with which I am connected the purchase of land to be operated as experimental farms, according to the most advanced methods of seed selection, fertilization and cultivation, at the expense of the road, but under the auspices of the agricultural college of the state in which the farm is located. If this recommendation is adopted I shall hope to see it followed by a majority of the roads of the country.

What the Cost of a Warship Would Do.
The United States is building two or three great battleships almost every year, which cost, fully equipped, perhaps an average of \$9,000,000 each, and it costs close to \$1,000,000 a year each to man, supply and maintain them. What one of these fighting machines costs the government would establish and fully equip two splendid experimental farms of 640 acres each in every state in the Union, to be operated by the general government.

The establishment of such farms by the government would soon be followed by 160 acre farms owned and operated by the state in every county in our great agricultural states. Such farms, once established, would not only be self sustaining, but, in my opinion, would show a handsome profit. The effect of such a system of practical education upon the product and profit of the nation's farms would be almost beyond comprehension.

Every thrifless and uninformed farmer would quickly note the difference between the result of his loose methods and those of the experimental farm and benefit by the comparison.

Let the government invest the price of one battleship in this important work, follow the investment up intelligently and perseveringly for ten years, and the value that will have been added to each year's crops of the nation's farms will buy and pay for every battleship in all the navies of the world today.

Adopt this policy and it will give to the great business of agriculture a new birth of marvelous possibilities and make the cultivation of the soil a profession rather than a vocation. It will double the wealth of the nation's farms and quadruple the influence, political and financial, of the nation's farmers.

Ten years after such a system becomes fully effective the farmers will own a large share, if not a majority, of the nation's railroads, and this will insure in larger measure than is possible under present conditions that industrial peace and tranquillity to vital to enduring prosperity.

Above and beyond all other considerations this stimulation of interest in and addition to the wealth of agriculture will return the preponderance of political power to the rural districts, where it can be more safely lodged than in the congested centers of population, already ominously powerful in many of our states.

Petty thieves are hanged; great thieves are asked to dinner.—German Proverb.

LOCAL BOXERS LOSE DECISIONS

Bob Hagerdon, the "Hoosier Kid," of the local athletic club, returned home this morning from Sacramento where he fought a six-round go with Norman Stone of Los Angeles. The fight created as much excitement as the main event. Stone was ten or fifteen pounds heavier than the "Kid," who was knocked down only in the first round and took a count of six, coming up with his head clear. At no time during the next five rounds did the "Kid" lose his head. "The Kid" outclassed Stone in everything except when in close quarters when Stone had the advantage on account of his greater weight. Stone was given the decision. "The Kid" don't show any important signs of punishment. He says he was treated like a prince by the Sacramento sports, and through the popularity he has gained in that city he is in line to take part in a main event there in the near future. It was published in a Sacramento paper this morning that the scrap was one of the best preliminaries ever fought in Sacramento.

Pat Croynon was given the decision in a four-round boxing match at the Dreamland Club Hall in San Francisco last night over Billy Urich of this city. Urich appeared to have the best of it. The decision was received with disfavor.

Orchard on State Reservation.

The Indiana forestry commission is making arrangements to plant a large orchard on the state reservation, nine miles south of Scottsburg. The commission heretofore has confined its attention to the cultivation and production of only the valuable woods for use in crossies, cabinet work and building. The new scheme will be a means of testing the hardihood of the various varieties of fruit trees, and it will also show whether the knobs can be used to advantage in the production of fruit.

New Cod Bank.

A new "cod bank" in the gulf of St. Lawrence, off the west coast of Newfoundland, has been discovered by the Canadian government survey ship Elinor. The new bank is situated about twenty-five miles northwest from Point Riche (the northwest point of Ingonnigach bay) and is reported to be about twenty-eight miles long and ten to twelve miles wide. The least depth of water over the bank is said to be about eighteen fathoms. Cod are reported to be in abundance.

Paris Apaches' Trained Dogs.

The newest pest of the Paris suburban districts is the "Apache dog," which is taught by its masters to jump at lonely pedestrians and bite them while the hooligan rifles the victim's pockets. It appears that, taking a hint from the police methods, the Apaches have recently trained several animals of the same breed as the police dogs to attack policemen and others.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE, EXECUTION No. 3477

Sheriff's Sale, County of San Mateo, State of California, ss.
H. HACKFELD & COMPANY, Limited, (a corporation) Plaintiff, vs. HERMAN FRITZ SINGER, AMY JANE SINGER, ROBERT F. LANGE as trustees of the estate of said HERMAN F. SINGER, Bankrupt, John Doe, Richard Roe, Mary Roe and Anne Doe, Defendants.
By virtue of an execution issued out of the Superior Court of the County of San Mateo, of the State of California, wherein H. HACKFELD & COMPANY, Ltd., Plaintiff, and HERMAN FRITZ SINGER, AMY JANE SINGER, ROBERT F. LANGE as Trustees of the Estate of said HERMAN F. SINGER, Bankrupt, et al., Defendants, upon a judgment rendered the 19th day of November, A. D. 1909, for the sum of one thousand one hundred ninety-three dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$1193.88) in gold coin of the United States, besides costs and interest, I have this day levied upon all the right, title, claim and interest of said defendants, HERMAN FRITZ SINGER, AMY JANE SINGER, et al., of, and to the following described real estate:

All those certain lots and parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the County of San Mateo, State of California, and particularly described as follows, to-wit:—
Lots number twenty-nine (29) and thirty (30) in block number one (1) as shown on the map of blocks one (1) and two (2) of San Bruno Park, filed in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, Redwood City, California, December 8, 1908, and recorded in map book No. 3, page 18, of the records of said county.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

Therefore notice is given that I will on Monday, the 27th day of December, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day in front of the Court House door of the County of San Mateo, in the town of Redwood City, in said county, sell to the highest bidder at PUBLIC AUCTION for gold coin of the United States, all the right, title, claim and interest of the above named defendants, of, in and to the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise sufficient money to satisfy said judgment, with interest and costs.

ROBERT S. CHATHAM, Sheriff
By F. T. BARTLETT, Under Sheriff.
Dated Redwood City, Dec. 1, 1909.

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Dec. 4-11

ARE ENGLAND'S PEERS DOOMED?

How the Very Existence of the House of Lords Is Jeopardized by the Fight on the British Budget.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.

IS the British house of lords about to be abolished or radically shorn of its power? That is the larger question, looming up behind the fight over the budget in England. The warning of Lord Rosebery that the very existence of the upper chamber is in jeopardy was not an idle threat. It was given all the more force by the fact that Rosebery himself is opposed to the budget. He would like to see it defeated, but questions either the right or the policy of the lords to bring about that defeat. He regards the stake as too great. In destroying the budget they destroy themselves. He was ably seconded by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, who in plain English told the peers that if they won in their fight against the budget their victory would be but temporary, while if they lost the defeat would be permanent. They would not only fail in killing the budget, but would end their own power.

In adopting Lord Lansdowne's motion to reject the budget pending an appeal to the nation it is contended that the peers are guilty of a twofold usurpation of power—one against the commons and the other against the king. Since 1688 the exclusive control of financial matters has been in the house of commons. For the lords now to assume the right to reject a financial measure is the first act of usurpation. Lord Lansdowne's motion requires a dissolution of parliament. The right to dissolve parliament, however, belongs to the crown. This is the second act of usurpation.

The Day of Settlement.

The rejection of the budget is not the first offense of the lords. Several

What the Budget Is and Taxes That Caused the Trouble—Extraordinary Debate That Has Amazed a Nation.

visions in kind; also a considerable tax on liquor. It is the land tax and liquor tax that have caused the trouble.

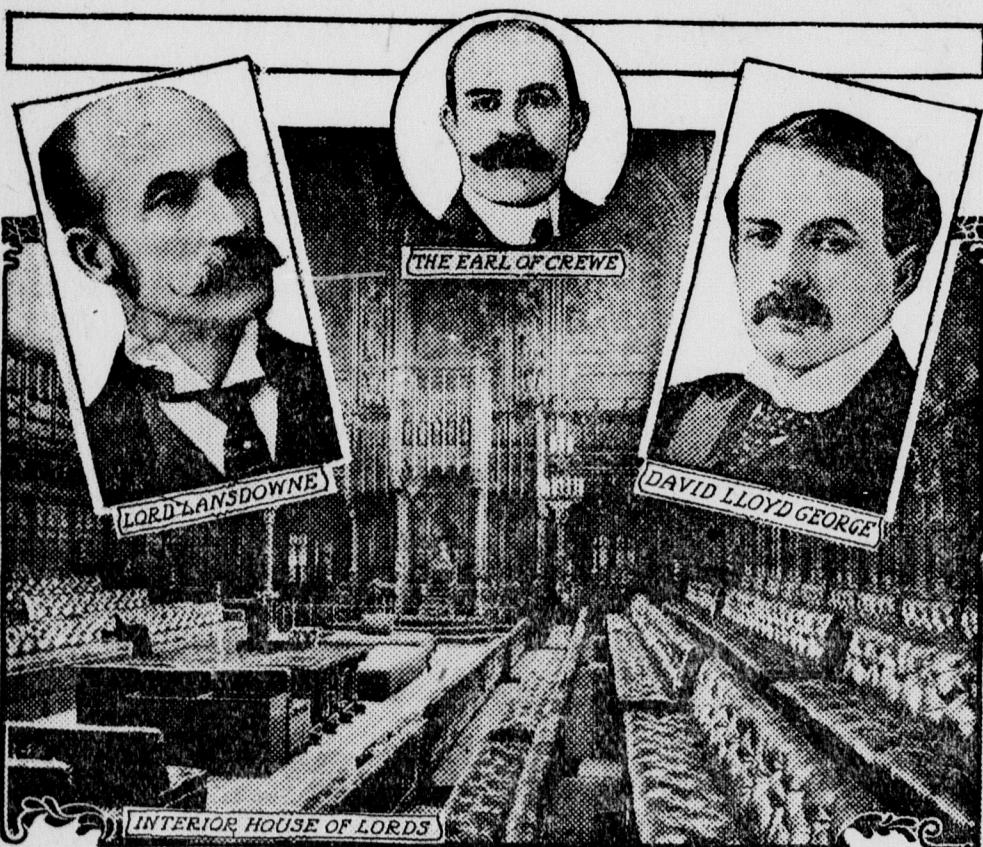
Lords and Liquor Interests.

In Great Britain the land is largely owned by the lords, and it now transpires that these scions of nobility are financially interested in the liquor concerns. Between the two they get it both ways. They are being hit in the pocketbook, and that is the reason they are usurping a power that no British house of lords has dared assume in more than 200 years. Dare they assume it? This momentous question is now to be answered by the electors of England, Scotland and Ireland.

There are more than 600 peers in the three realms, but ordinarily only a few attend the sessions of parliament.

Most of them are never seen within the precincts of the house of lords. They are not only absentee landlords, but absentee legislators. The budget fight, however, brought practically all of them to London. They swarmed out of their castles as the rats swarmed out of Hamelin town at the call of the Pied Piper. Hundreds of strange faces appeared in the upper chamber that never were seen there before and perhaps never will be again. It was the holders of special privilege rushing to the defense when an attack on privilege was threatened.

The ensuing debate is one that will be long remembered in England, though not for its brilliancy. It amazed the nation. To call it a schoolboy affair would be to insult the schools. One minister termed it babyish. Outside of a few men like Rosebery and Balfour, Lord Salisbury and the Earl of Crewe



NOTABLE PARTICIPANTS IN ENGLISH BUDGET FIGHT—HOUSE OF LORDS, SCENE OF THE DEBATE.

other reform measures proposed by the present government and passed by the commons have met their death in the upper chamber, just as Gladstone's home rule bill was killed a few years ago. All these things have been allowed to accumulate against the day of wrath. They have not been forgotten. They were kept in abeyance only to be presented as different counts in the indictment when the people of England came to pass judgment on their house of peers. Has the day of settlement finally come?

The British budget is the omnibus financial measure of each year, containing the taxation and revenue provisions. The present one, over which all this fight has been raised, is denounced as socialistic, but the definition is not accurate. The budget is more in line with Henry George's single tax, which is quite another thing from socialism. The single tax, or a modified form of it known as the land tax, has already been adopted in portions of the British empire, notably in New Zealand and Australia. This measure would put it in force in England, Scotland and Ireland. The tax is laid with especial emphasis on the "unearned increment"—that is, the value which is put into the land by the community and not by the owner. For example, a man owns a farm near which or on which springs up a city. Because of the city the land increases immensely in value, although the individual owner has contributed nothing to that increase. It is made wholly by the community. This is the unearned increment, and on such social value accruing in future the budget lays its impost. There are other pro-

it displayed lack of grasp, breadth and statesmanlike qualities. It was selfish, personal, sordid. It was the whine of a spoiled boy. When not petulant it was deadly dull. It was an attempt at argument by men unfamiliar with intellectual habits. Yet the spectacle had its educational value. It showed to the British people their so-called nobility in its true light. It stripped off the glamour of name and tradition. At the disillusionment the people at first gasped and then laughed.

The Feet of Clay.

That debate doomed the house of lords—if not next year, then in the near future. It revealed these peers of the realm as selfish and allied to the worst elements in the kingdom. It showed them to be not only common clay, but as beneath the average in intelligence and morality. Today Englishmen are gathering by the thousands and cheering for the budget and David Lloyd-George, its author, the Welsh schoolteacher who rose to be chancellor of the exchequer. They are singing as the French sang the "Marseillaise" more than a century ago, and the burden of their song is that the land is for the people. Lloyd-George and Winston Churchill are ridiculing the dukes with a sarcasm that is spreading a grin over the three nations. It reminds one of the days when Thomas Paine wrote his "Rights of Man" in defense of the principles of the French revolution, in which he scored the aristocracy in words that ring yet. Paine has been dead a century, but the truths he voiced are the most living things in England.

FOUND HARMON BOOM.

Ex-Governor Glenn Declares Ohioan Will Run For President.

"Judson Harmon, governor of Ohio, will be the next presidential nominee of the Democratic party, in my judgment," said ex-Governor R. B. Glenn of North Carolina at the Richmond hotel, in Richmond, Va., the other day. "I think he is the best man for the place, and I know from experience, for I came in contact with him as attorney general of the United States when I was federal district attorney in my state. He is an exceptionally able man, and his election as governor on the Democratic ticket in a state which had one of its own sons as the Republican presidential candidate was a remarkable political feat. Everywhere I have been in my tour of the country I found Harmon was the leading candidate."

"I am of the opinion that the south should demand that the next vice-presidential candidate of the Democratic party be a southern man. We do the voting and we ought to be represented on the ticket. I take no stock in the old argument that the placing of a southern man on the ticket would lose it votes in the northern states."

"The war is over, and the people of the north, I believe, will support a southern man as readily as any other. I have been in thirty-seven states of the Union in the past few months, and I have found no sentiment worth noticing against the southern men in national politics. We are accepting the north, and the time has come when it will accept us."

"I am still in politics and expect to take a hand in the next campaign, as I did in the last. Though I have been engaged in other activities, when the time comes I shall renew my work for the party."

TRIBUTE TO GILDER.

Magazine's Appreciation of Poet Who Was Its Editor.

The Century for January in a tribute to the late Richard Watson Gilder, for twenty-eight years its editor in chief, will say:

The keynote of his character was loyalty. This trait pervaded every relation of his life like a sustaining and inspiring atmosphere. To his family and his friends, to his editorial and other business associates, to his social and civic obligations and, not least of all, to his art, which remains his most individual record, he was loyalty itself. Nor was this a weak or blind impulse of goodness; rather it was a discriminating faculty of giving generously what was due to each, based on his delicate sense of proportion and appropriateness. The call of duty was to him imperative, and no man since James Russell Lowell, at whose death he seemed to receive a consecration of civic ardor, has more faithfully held up the highest ideals of American citizenship.

In this work and, in fact, in all the multitude of his philanthropic activities his influence and example have now become a heritage to his country.

Another note which runs through his life, his editorial writing and his poetry—a note that deepened with the advance of years—is that of personal responsibility. He felt that institutions were, in the last analysis, merely men and that ours could be preserved only by the virtue and altruism of the individual citizen. The scorn he felt for those who were willfully recreant to their political duties was like that of a soldier for a deserter. His humility and self-effacement gave sincerity to his appeals to the best in every one. He had the keenest sense of noblesse oblige, and in all his spiritual and beautiful verse there is nothing more expressive of the chivalry of his life than these lines, the aspiration of which he embodied in his career:

When to sleep I must
Where my fathers sleep;
When fulfilled the trust,
And the mourners weep;
When, though free from rust,
Sword hath lost its worth—
Let me bring to earth
No dishonored dust.

HUNTING TRIP IN AIRSHIP.

Latham Carried His Gun There and Bag of Game on His Return.

Hubert Latham performed a sensational feat in his monoplane the other day. He was invited by the Marquis de Polignac, president of the committee on aviation, to join in a hunt at Berru, near Rheims, France. Latham went thither from his aviation garage at Mourmelon, a distance of about nineteen miles, in his Antoinette monoplane in just half an hour. He took a double barreled shotgun and a supply of ammunition with him in the aeroplane.

He landed at the Marquis de Polignac's shooting box, breakfasted with the party, took part in the hunt and flew back to Mourmelon four hours later, carrying on the monoplane not only the shotgun, but also the bag of game, mostly pheasants, which he had killed.

Great interest in the feat was shown by the hunting party. The members of it were watching for Latham, and the monoplane was made out while it was still far away. It appeared very small when first seen, but rapidly grew larger and soon was above the heads of the huntsmen. Latham made two circles before he chose a landing place and then came down easily and landed without the slightest trouble. It was almost sunset when he started on his return journey.

BATTLESHIP OF CONCRETE.

One Is on El Fraile Island at the Mouth of Manila Bay.

One of the most unusual defensive works in the world has been erected by the war department on El Fraile island, one of the four islands which form a chain across the mouth of Manila bay. All these islands have been strongly fortified in order to prevent a foreign fleet from entering the bay. On El Fraile island has been built a fixed battleship of concrete having two steel turrets in each of which are mounted two fourteen-inch guns. These turrets can be trained in any direction by the gun crew inside.

The original plan for the fortification of El Fraile contemplated the enlargement of the island, which is small and narrow and the establishment of an ordinary fort. This plan, however, was abandoned in favor of the concrete battleship, which has been practically completed. The fourteen inch guns mounted in turrets on El Fraile are operated by the general fire control station on Corregidor island.

The artificial concrete ship is about a hundred feet wide and 1,200 feet long.

Walnuts Growing on Oak Trees.

The superintendent of public instruction of California, Edward Hyatt, returned recently to Sacramento from San Andreas, Calaveras county, where he found walnuts growing on oak trees. The experiment is being conducted successfully by E. M. Price, who has a large number of new species about his home. The nuts, according to Hyatt, grow about three times as large as the ones in the markets. The product is the result of considerable experimenting. The grafting is done by cutting the limbs of walnut trees and grafting them into stocky oaks.

San Francisco Wants World's Fair.

With the success of the Portola festival barely over, the citizens of San Francisco have enthusiastically taken up the suggestion made by Mayor Taylor that the city commemorate the opening of the Panama canal in 1915 with a gigantic world's fair.

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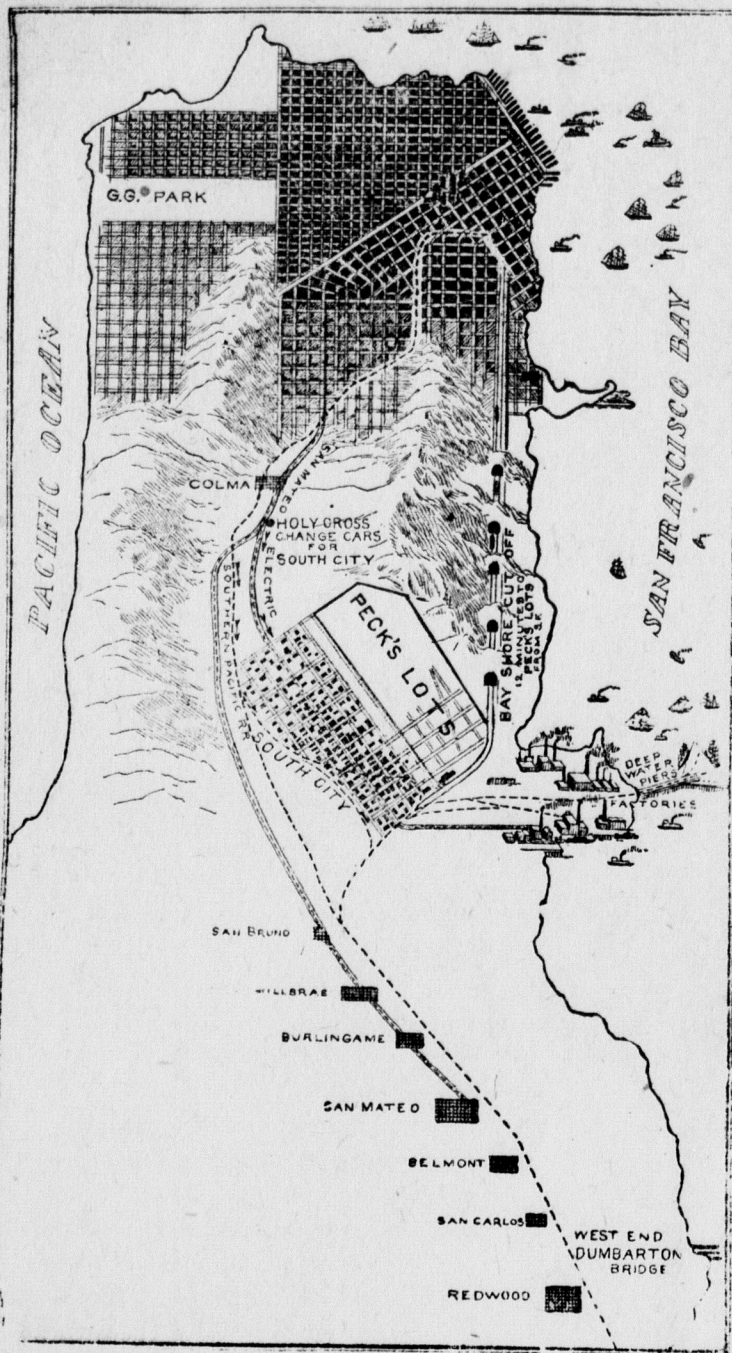
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COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Vista Grande and Crocker Tract asking that the board grant no more licenses to conduct saloons in that locality was received and the request granted, upon motion of Casey, seconded by Francis.

Attorney Geo. C. Ross appeared before the board and asked that the application of Chas. Meyer for a Class A liquor license to conduct a saloon in Menlo Park be denied, in order that the trouble and expense of prosecuting fourteen saloon keepers of Menlo Park on criminal charges of selling liquor within a mile and a half of a university shall be avoided.

A very spirited discussion then ensued between Mr. Ross and Chairman McEvoy.

Further action in the matter was then continued until next meeting.

Judge E. F. Fitzpatrick of Redwood City appeared before the board and called up the matter of revoking a permit granting J. W. Coffroth the privilege of giving boxing contests at the Mission-street Arena in the First Township.

A petition, signed by many citizens of this county asking that the Board take such action, was presented at a previous meeting.

Attorney T. M. O'Connor of San Francisco appeared as a representative of Mr. Coffroth, who is absent in Europe, and asked that action be postponed until next meeting, which was done.

Upon motion of Casey, seconded by Blackburn, the Women's Improvement Club was given permission to place an El Camino Real Mission bell at the junction of Mission and San Pedro roads in Colma.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company was granted a contract to install thirty-three 75-watt, 60 candle power and seventeen 40-watt 32 candle power Tungsten electric lamps in the Easton lighting district for the sum of \$1033 per year for a period of five years. The company is to furnish a bond of \$1000

as a guarantee to carry out the terms of the contract.

Action in the matter of furnishing electric street lights in the San Bruno and Colma lighting districts was laid over until Wednesday's meeting, when it was again postponed until the next regular meeting.

The clerk was authorized to advertise for bids to furnish supplies to the county farm for 1910.

At Wednesday's meeting, the resolution introduced Monday, directing the district attorney to commence suit to recover interest due the county at 2 per cent per annum on moneys deposited in county banks was laid over until the next meeting.

Supervisor Casey was granted leave of absence from the county for thirty days, his intention being to take a trip to Oregon.

FACTORY SIDEWALK WILL BE BUILT

The Board of City Trustees held a short session last Monday night.

The factory sidewalk matter was settled. Contractor Fred Brown was directed to build it for the sum of \$535, some second hand lumber held over from the Portola festival in San Francisco to be used.

The factories interested will pay toward the expense of building the sidewalk in amounts as follows: Western Meat Co., \$175; W. P. Fuller & Co., \$116.79; Steiger Terra Cotta and Pottery Co., \$77.63; Pacific Jupiter Steel Co., \$38.93, or a total of \$508.34. The balance, or \$126.66, will be paid by the city to make up the full amount of \$535.

A Class D liquor license was granted to J. J. Welch permitting him to conduct a restaurant at the Sierra Point House, San Bruno road, in the northern part of the city. The bondsmen in the sum of \$500 each are Joe Kennell and Wm. Hoppe.

Street Inspector M. F. Healy reported on street repairs.

Culverts were ordered placed in Grand Avenue at the intersections of several cross streets.

Gutters were also ordered placed in

Baden Avenue, to the west of Maple, so that water that has accumulated at that point can be drained off.

Several claims against the city were read for the first time and referred to the finance committee.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PASSENGER RATES

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physician, that old warhorse, who had served so faithfully and so well, without favor or preference, Dr. Harry G. Plymire, was acclaimed the medicine man for another term mid good natured, if noisy, appreciation. For worthy inside guard, John Fischer was elected. John has been away for some time, and last week returned to stay. He fell into the trap, which will hold him for a year. For worthy outside guard the only one named was Supervisor J. W. Pitt, and on his acceptance the Aerie shook with applause and yet many regretted that J. W. would be taken from the board of trustees. For trustees, Richard Setter, W. J. Smith and W. J. Martin were elected. They are O.K., men of experience in fraternal work and capable of filling any position in the gift of the order. Tuesday next is the night for initiation. A class of eight candidates will present themselves and a royal good time is promised. The usual social time will follow. Social committee—R. Setter, Dan McSweeney and Peter Lind.

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